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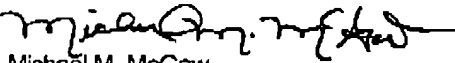
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Dear Examiner Vivlemore:

In response to the office communication mailed May 9, 2006, we enclose the following:

- 1) Response Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated May 17, 2006 (2 pages); and
- 2) Response A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated May 17, 2006 (6 pages).

Very respectfully,

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicants are independent inventors.

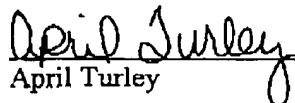
EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required.

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Date: May 17, 2006


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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:


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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office's communication mailed May 09, 2006, concerning Applicant's *bona fide* attempt to reply, Applicant responds as follows:

Response A

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.